



King County

Veterans' Program

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King County Veterans Program Advisory Board Meeting Summary June 15, 2016 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm WorkSource Renton

Call to Order

King County Advisory Board Co -Chairman Don-Michael Bradford called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Salute the Flag.

Roll Call Board Members Present: David Waggoner, Chuck Murrell, Chuck Vitiritti, Don-Michael Bradford, Stan Gunno, Julia Sheriden, Monique Brown, Clark Silliman, John Phillips

Board Members Excused/Absent:

Todd Mitchell, Curtis Thompson, Erik Campbell, Gary Cashman, Dion McNeeley Carrol Stripling,

County Staff Present:

Pat Lemus DCHS -KCVP
Rich Garmong DCHS- KCVP
Rita Sanchez DCHS – KCVP

Guest Present:

Review of Meeting Summary

ACTION: Minutes for March 16, 2016 were approved with one correction
ACTION: April 20th 2016 Retreat review
ACTION: No Minutes for May 18, 2016 no quorum.

Committee Reports (Brief overview of the Advisory Board Committees)

Executive Committee: No Meeting

Budget & Finance Committee: No Meeting

Appeals Committee: No Meeting

Programs Committee: No Meeting.

Sub Committees brief overview

Veterans Consortium: There will be a " Veteran Community Conversation" meeting on July 20th 2016 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at American Legion Post 160 West Seattle.

Housing/Homelessness Committee: The three main subject matters being focused on are:

- Veterans
- Non-Profit
- Housing

Don-Michael Bradford gave a brief presentation of the Housing and Homelessness in King County. Don tracked several new papers for over two months and discovered that funds and competitive grants are available. There is a legal definition of homelessness by two agencies that do not coincide Health and Human Services and HUD. The VA is not involved in homelessness.

Employment Committee: Gary Cashman had a meeting with HVIT (HVac Training Program). The one week HVAC training program costs \$1200.00. Gary will meet again with HVIT to try and arrange discounts for veterans.

Levy Renewal Committee: Julia Sheriden gave a brief overview regarding the Levy Renewal. The committee discussed issues from previous Levies as well as what other issue need to be focused on for upcoming Levy.

Priorities for new Levy:

1. Housing and Homelessness as priority
2. Supporting Veterans
3. Including Veterans family by uniting and healing
4. Establish a striving health environment including Mental Heal along with Physical Health
5. Effective community in engagement
6. Ongoing community publicity/focus on accomplishment and successes

Motion on the floor

Julia Sheriden made motion on the floor Sub committees to provide a timeline for progress for the next meeting

Motion passed

Monthly Reports: Pat Lemus gave a brief overview on the Financial Chart. Funding is utilized by veteran needs as presented and their barriers. We are spending more money on stabilization and continue to provide funding for all veteran needs such as: shelters, housing and evictions. Funds will not be overspent and the budget is closely monitored.

Rich Garmong discussed the Burial Benefits provided by KCVP and how this service has progressed over the last few years.

Motion on the floor

Stan Gunno made motion that KCVP Advisory Board makes a recommendation to the KCVP to raise Burial Benefit from \$500.00 to 700.00

Chuck Vitiritti made a friendly amendment to raise Burial Benefit to 750.00

Motion passed

Stan Gunno will daft a letter and bring to next meeting

Motion to extend meeting for 15 minutes

Motion Approved

Old Business

- Veterans Survey-Gary will send out the Survey for final approval. Once approved Gary will forward to King County.
- Advisory Board Bios

New Business

- *OPMA Training*
- *Ethics Training*
- *What requirements are needed for assistance on KCVP Website?*
- *What funding, service or shelters are available for women?*

Next Meeting

Wednesday August 17, 2016

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- Businesses hiring unemployed veterans for full-time employment positions located in Washington beginning October 1, 2016, are eligible for a credit against their business up to 1500.00. For more information.
http://dor.wa.gov/docs/pubs/specialnotices/2016/sn_unemployed_vets.pdf
- Puget Sound Honor Flight September and October 2016 /contact David Waggoner
- American Legion Post 1 Naturalization Ceremony Seattle Center July 4, 2016
- VFW Flight Presentation Museum of Flight VFW July 4,2016

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm